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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method comprising:
~~receiving a command from a user to enter a learning mode;~~
~~defining an event; and~~
monitoring therapy delivered by a medical device during occurrence of the defined event;
generating therapy information based on the monitored therapy;
associating the therapy information with the defined event ~~in response to the command;~~
subsequently detecting the defined event; and
providing therapy to a patient via thea medical device according to the therapy
information in response to the detection.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein defining an event and
subsequently detecting the defined event comprise receiving indications of the event from a the
user.

Claim 3 (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein receiving an indication of the event from
a user comprises receiving an indication of at least one of an activity and a posture undertaken by
the patient from the user.

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Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 491, wherein defining an event comprises:

monitoring an output of a sensor in response to receiving the command, the output of the sensor reflecting a physiological parameter of the patient; and
defining the event based on the sensor output, and
wherein subsequently detecting the event comprises:
monitoring the output of the sensor; and
comparing the sensor output to the defined event.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the sensor comprises an accelerometer.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein the sensor output reflects at least one of motion and posture of the patient.

Claim 7 (Original): The method of claim 4, wherein defining the event based on the sensor output comprises recording the sensor output over a period of time subsequent to receiving the command.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 491, wherein generating associating therapy information ~~with the defined event~~ comprises recording a value of a therapy parameter that controls delivery of therapy by the medical therapy device in response to the command.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 8, wherein recording thea value of thea therapy parameter in response to the command comprises recording a change to the therapy parameter made by the user subsequent to receipt of the command.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 9, wherein recording a change to the therapy parameter comprises recording changes to the therapy parameter made by the user over a period of time subsequent to receipt of the command.

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Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 10, wherein providing therapy to a patient according to the therapy information comprises changing the therapy parameter at a time subsequent to detection of the event according to the recorded changes to the therapy parameter.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein the medical device includes is an implantable medical device, and recording thea change to the therapy parameter comprises receiving thea change to the therapy parameter made by the user via a programming device.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 12, wherein the implantable medical device includes is an implantable neurostimulator, and receiving thea change to the therapy parameter comprises receiving a change to at least one of a pulse amplitude, a pulse width, and a pulse rate of stimulation energy delivered by the neurostimulator.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 8, wherein recording thea value of thea parameter comprises receiving the value of the parameter and a time from a the user, and providing therapy to a patient according to the therapy information comprises changing delivery of therapy at a time subsequent to detection of the event according to the value and time received from the user.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein providing therapy to a patient according to the therapy information comprises suspending delivery of therapy.

Claim 16 (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting the defined event to a clinician as diagnostic data.

Claim 17 (Original): The method of claim 16, wherein presenting the defined event to the clinician comprises presenting the defined event as a marker within a timing diagram.

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Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a command from a user to enter a learning mode in order to define the event and record and associate therapy information with the defined event, wherein the user is one of a clinician and the patient.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A medical device comprising:
a memory; and
a processor that defines to receive a command to enter a learning mode from a user, define an event, monitors therapy delivered by a medical device during occurrence of the defined event, generates therapy information based on the monitored therapy, associates the and associate therapy information with the defined event within the memory in response to the command, subsequently detects ~~detect~~ the defined event, and controls ~~control~~ delivery of therapy to a patient according to the therapy information in response to the detection.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 19, further comprising a user interface, wherein the processor defines the event and subsequently detects the defined event by receiving indications of the event from a the user via the user interface.

Claim 21 (Original): The medical device of claim 20, wherein the event comprises at least one of an activity and a posture undertaken by the patient, and the processor receives indications of the at least one of an activity and posture from the user.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim ~~51~~19, further comprising a sensor that generates an output as a function of a physiological parameter of the patient, wherein the processor monitors the output of the sensor in response to receiving the command from the user, defines the event based on the sensor output, and subsequently detects the event by monitoring the output of the sensor and comparing the sensor output to the defined event.

Claim 23 (Original): The medical device of claim 22, wherein the sensor output reflects at least one of motion and posture of the patient.

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Claim 24 (Original): The medical device of claim 22, wherein the sensor comprises an accelerometer.

Claim 25 (Original): The medical device of claim 24, wherein the accelerometer comprises a multi-axis accelerometer.

Claim 26 (Original): The medical device of claim 22, wherein the processor defines the event by storing a recording of the sensor output over a period of time after receipt of the command within the memory.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim ~~51~~49, wherein the therapy information comprises a value of a parameter that controls delivery of therapy to the patient, and the processor associates the value and the defined event within the memory in response to the command.

Claim 28 (Original): The medical device of claim 27, wherein the therapy information reflects a change to the parameter made by a user subsequent to providing a command, and the processor records the change and associates the recorded change with the defined event within the memory in response to the command.

Claim 29 (Original): The medical device of claim 28, wherein the therapy information reflects changes to the parameter made by the user over a period of time subsequent to providing the command, and the processor records the changes over the period of time and associates the recorded changes with the defined event within the memory in response to the command.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 29, wherein the processor changes the therapy parameter at a time subsequent to detection of the event according to the recorded changes to the therapy parameter.

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Claim 31 (Original): The medical device of claim 27, wherein the processor receives the value of the parameter and a time from a user via a user interface, and changes delivery of therapy at a time subsequent to detection of the event according to the value and time received from the user.

Claim 32 (Original): The medical device of claim 19, wherein the processor stores the defined event within the memory as diagnostic data for presentation to a clinician.

Claim ~~33~~34 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 32, further comprising a user interface, wherein the processor presents the defined event to the clinician as a marker within a timing diagram via the user interface.

Claim ~~34~~35 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 19, wherein the processor suspends delivery of therapy in response to the detection of the previously defined event.

Claim ~~35~~36 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 19, wherein the medical device comprises an implantable neurostimulator.

Claim ~~36~~37 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 19, wherein the medical device comprises a programming device that communicates with an implantable medical device.

Claim ~~37~~38 (Currently Amended): The medical device of claim 19, wherein the processor receives a command from a user to enter a learning mode in order to define the event and record and associate therapy information with the defined event, and wherein the user comprises one of a clinician and the patient.

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Claim 3839 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable medium comprising instructions that cause a programmable processor to:

~~receive a command from a user to enter a learning mode;~~

define an event; ~~and~~

monitor therapy delivered by a medical device during occurrence of the defined event;

generate therapy information based on the monitored therapy;

associate the therapy information with the defined event ~~in response to the command;~~

subsequently detect the defined event; and

control delivery of therapy to thea patient via thea medical device according to the therapy information in response to the detection.

Claim 3940 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 3839, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to define an event and subsequently detect the defined event comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to receive indications of the event from a the user.

Claim 4041 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 3940, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to receive indications of the event from the user comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to receive indications of at least one of an activity and a posture undertaken by the patient from the user.

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Claim 4142 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 5339, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to define an event comprises instructions that cause thea programmable processor to:

monitor an output of a sensor in response to receiving the command, the output of the sensor reflecting a physiological parameter of the patient; and

define the event based on the sensor output, and

wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to subsequently detect the defined event comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to:

monitor the output of the sensor; and

compare the sensor output to the defined event.

Claim 4243 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 4142, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to define the event based on the sensor output comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to record the sensor output over a period of time subsequent to receiving the command.

Claim 4344 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 5339, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to generate ~~associate~~ therapy information ~~with the defined event~~ comprise instructions that cause thea processor to record a value of a parameter that controls delivery of therapy by the therapy device in response to the command.

Claim 4445 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 4344, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to record a value of a therapy parameter comprises instructions that cause thea programmable processor to record a change to the parameter made by the user subsequent to receipt of the command.

Claim 4546 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 4445, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to record a change to the parameter comprises instructions that cause thea programmable processor to record changes to the therapy parameter made by the user over a period of time subsequent to receipt of the command.

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Claim 4647 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 4546, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to provide therapy to a patient according to the therapy information comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to change the therapy parameter at a time subsequent to detection of the event according to the recorded changes to the therapy parameter.

Claim 4748 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 4344, wherein the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to record a value of a parameter comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to receive the value of the parameter and a time from the user, and the instructions that cause thea programmable processor to provide therapy to a patient according to the therapy information comprise instructions that cause thea programmable processor to change delivery of therapy at a time subsequent to detection of the event according to the value and time received from the user.

Claim 4849 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 3839, wherein the instructions cause the processor to receive a command from a user to enter a learning mode in order to define the event and record and associate therapy information with the defined event, and wherein the user is one of a clinician and the patient.

Claim 49 (New): The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a command from a user to enter a learning mode in order to define the event and associate the therapy information with the defined event.

Claim 50 (New): The method of claim 1, wherein providing therapy comprises managing pain in the patient.

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Claim 51 (New): The medical device of claim 19, further comprising a user interface, wherein the processor receives a command to enter a learning mode from a user via the user interface in order to define the event and associate the therapy information with the defined event.

Claim 52 (New): The medical device of claim 19, further comprising a pulse generator that is controlled by the processor to deliver pain management therapy to the patient.

Claim 53 (New): The computer readable medium of claim 38, wherein the instructions cause the processor to receive a command from a user to enter a learning mode in order to define the event and associate the therapy information with the defined event.

Claim 54 (New): The computer readable medium of claim 38, wherein the instructions that cause the processor to provide therapy comprise instructions that cause the processor to control a pulse generator to deliver pain management therapy to the patient.